



Council Committee Minutes
Minutes of a meeting of Langport Town Council's

Finance and Personnel Committee

Held on **Wednesday 14th January 2026** at 7.00pm

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| Present: | |
| Cllr Dromgoole (Chair) | Cllr Donald |
| Cllr Glas | Cllr Dromgoole |
| Cllr Wilson | Cllr Peterkin |

Also present: Gerard Tucker – Town Clerk, Morag Kelly Deputy Town Clerk. Cllr Paterson and one member of the public

FP2025/38 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.
(LGA 1972 s85 (1)) Apologies were received from Cllr Michele Crumb

FP2025/39 Declarations of Interests -

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). *(NB this does not preclude any later declarations)*
There were no declarations of interest.

FP2025/40 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2025 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November

Grants – A total of £9,124 has been included in the 2025-26 budget for grants. To date, £7,125 has been committed. Therefore £1,999 remains. Applications for grants received amount to £2,150

**FP2025/41 To receive requests for Grant Awards:
Regular Funding of amounts less than £1,000**

- a. Langport Runners – a request for a £150 towards the annual 10km trail race. Andy Hillman a representative of Langport Runners attended and informed that last year 128 runners participated. A small surplus was distributed to local causes. Cllr Wilson proposed, seconded by Cllr Donald and unanimously **RESOLVED** to award Langport Runners £150

**FP2025/42 To Receive requests for Grant Awards:
Funding amounts of *more than* £1,000**

- b. Yeovil Town Council request a £1,000 contribution towards the refurbishment of the Octagon Theatre. Following a discussion where the detail of the project was explained, the committee considered that they would like to support the application, yet could not justify the £1,000 requested. Cllr Peterkin proposed, seconded by Cllr Dromgoole and unanimously **RESOLVED** that £250 is allocated to support the rebuild of the Octagon Theatre.

- c. Arthur Pyke requests £1,000 contribution to support his expedition to Cambodia. A supporting email from the applicant was presented to the committee. Councillors debated this application before concluding that support for individual applicants had not been approved before and that if funds were awarded, may set a precedent. Councillors concluded that there is already financial support for the youth club, children's playdays and the food bank either directly or indirectly supported young people in the Langport area. Cllrs unanimously **RESOLVED** not to support this application for the reasons given.

FP2025/43 To receive the draft budget for the year 2026/27

The clerk presented a detailed budget, with a few amendments following the previous presentation in November. He confirmed that a request to Huish Episcopi Parish Council for £5,000 as a contribution towards fixed costs had been approved. The budget presented shows a small contingency reserve of approximately 1% of the total budget. With the incentive to keep the precept lower in this financial year, Cllr Donald proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously **AGREED** that the budget presented be approved.

FP2025/44 To determine and recommend the amount of precept to be applied for.

Having approved the budget, the amount of precept to be requested from Somerset Council is £128,982, which equates to a 3.5%. Cllr Peterkin proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously **AGREED** that the requested precept is recommended to Full Council in January.

FP2025/45 To receive the Income and Expenditure to December 2025 together with the balances of all accounts.

The reconciled accounts balances were presented:

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| Nat West Business Reserve | £22,674 |
| Nat West Current Account | £13,111.41 |
| Nat West Langport Trust | £7,486.47 |
| CCLA | £118,000 |

FP2025/46 To receive a budget monitoring summary for the financial year to date.

The Scribe budget monitoring pie chart and block charts was presented to the committee. There are two areas of over expenditure are the Cocklemoor and Landmark Langport (the transfer of vired funds has not yet been actioned and the introduction of a Service Level Agreement (SLA)).

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

Signed

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